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ST. LOUIS -- October 6, 1995 -- Children at the Patch Community Center day care facility will be able to enjoy the crisip fall weather while playing on their recently renovated playground.

The playground, after years of wear, had fallen into a state of disrepair placing some pieces of equipment out of commission while other pieces posed a potential safety hazard. Employees of Monsanto's Carondelet plant in south St. Louis, long time supporters of the Patch Center, donated over 360 man hours of work and the Monsanto Fund donated $1,500 to pay for materials to repair the playground.

"Monsanto tries to be a good neighbor by helping out where we can," stated Craig Vandenburg, plant manager. "We were pleased to be able to help the community by giving these kids a safe place to play."

The playground repairs were conducted as the plant's United Way "Days of Caring" project. Days of Caring provides outlets for members of the community to help out United Way agencies by giving gifts of time in addition to the traditional financial contributions drive.

Number of kids who use the center
Types of repairs made
Number of employees involved
Date of the activity
Quote from the Patch Center coordinator

30 kids 1-5 yrs old
extensive renov
building playhouse - white + green
w/ carport
divided play space w/ fence + gate to toddlers
for licensing ~~equipment~~
built retaining wall around 1/2 playgrd
17 tons ~~pea~~ gravel delived
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